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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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TALLADEGA, ALA., 1894.

NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH CHILDESBURG BAPTIST CHURCH,
CHILDESBURG, ALA., SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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MINUTES OF THE 61st ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GOOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

The Talladega Baptist Church, Talladega, Ala.,
October 17, 18 and 19,

1894.

OFFICERS:

W. WILKES, MODERATOR, Sylacauga, Ala.
LEALIS LAW, CLERK, Cropwell, Ala.
G. A. JOINER, ASSISTANT CLERK, Talladega, Ala.
J. A. POWE, TREASURER, Talladega, Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with Childersburg Baptist Church,
Childersburg, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the
third Sabbath in September, 1895.

TALLADEGA, ALA.
PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME.
1894.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist churches which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected, by ballot or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that the non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association cannot rule, but may advise, the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church not in order in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers, and the Association in each case is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members or less shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers, at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew; and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matter into consideration and act upon it at its discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting, on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of the messengers present; provided, that such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated. But a motion to adjourn is always in order, except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

- FIRST DAY.—1. Devotional exercises.
2. Read letters and enroll messengers.
3. Elect officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Invite churches to unite with our Association.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from Associations.
8. Appoint Committee on Finance.
9. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
10. Appoint committee to pro rate among the churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
11. Appoint committee to nominate the time and place of next meeting, principal and alternate to preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
12. Report on Periodicals and Literature.
13. Report on Temperance.
14. Report on Sabbath-schools.
15. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
16. Miscellaneous business. 17. Adjourn.
- SECOND DAY.—18. Devotional exercises.
19. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
20. Miscellaneous business.
21. Report on State Missions.
22. Report on Home Missions.
23. Report on Foreign Missions.
24. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
25. Report on Ministerial Education.
26. Report on General Education (male and female).
27. Miscellaneous business. 28. Adjourn.
- THIRD DAY.—29. Devotional exercises.
30. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
31. Miscellaneous business.
32. Report of Committee to pro rate Contributions of Churches.
33. Report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People.
34. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
35. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
36. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
37. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
38. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
39. Return correspondence to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Boiling Springs, Carey, Canaan, Central, Tallasahatchie and Ten Islands, Unity.
40. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention (ten).
41. Appoint delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one).
42. Report of Committee on Finance.
43. Report of Treasurer to Association.
44. Call for report of Committee on Time and Place and Preachers for next year.
45. Order Clerk's salary paid and minutes printed.
46. Appoint committees to report at next session: On State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, General Education (male and female), Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work.
47. Appropriate surplus minute funds, etc. (if any).
48. Miscellaneous business.
49. Read minutes of this day's session. 50. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

TALLADEGA, ALA., October 17, A. D. 1894.

Messengers to compose the sixty-first annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met with the Talladega Baptist church. The body was called to order by Abner Williams, former Moderator, by reading Ps. 24. Prayer by J. G. Lowery of the Unity Association.

Messengers' names enrolled :

FIRST DISTRICT.

ANTIOCH—E. A. Aderholdt.
MUNFORD—B. W. Mattison, F. G. McDonald, J. A. Hudgins.
IRONATON—D. W. Shadix, A. W. Reeves.
SALEM—A. A. Hutto, J. J. Tant, J. M. Haynes, J. S. Haynes.
REFUGE—W. M. Hall.
BLUE EYE—L. M. Madden, W. C. Verrell.
LINCOLN—J. F. Davis.
DRY VALLEY—J. W. McCain, H. A. Stevens.
PLEASANT GROVE—E. A. Ogletree, T. F. Elliott, D. W. Hawthorne, J. N. Cooper, J. T. Kelly.
PROVIDENCE—J. H. Pope, J. D. Davis, John Burk, John Brown.
TALLADEGA—J. A. French, J. W. Bishop, G. A. Joiner, J. B. Graham, Jno. C. Williams, A. Hall, S. A. Austin, S. P. Burns, J. A. Woodward.

SECOND DISTRICT.

RENFROE—F. G. Mullen, H. Brown, Wm. Freeman.
HEPZIBAH—W. A. Hawkins, J. B. Stapp, L. Merkl, J. R. Steely.
CARTERSVILLE—
ALPINE—S. W. Welch, W. R. Thompson, M. L. Wilson.
WINTERBORO—E. A. McGuire, I. W. Rhodes, F. B. Blanchard, E. P. Freeman.
MOUNT IDA—J. M. Solley, W. H. Ledbetter.
TALLASAHATCHIE—J. M. Sherrill, W. H. Gooden, John Heacock.
SYCAMORE—
ROCKY MOUNT—G. W. Thrasher.
MOUNT ZION—C. S. Johnson, H. G. Darby, C. H. Morgan, Eli Horn, Graham Darby.
OAK GROVE—E. M. Moore, F. G. Heath, J. W. Chafin, T. R. Morris.

THIRD DISTRICT.

FORT WILLIAMS—L. A. Daniels, Sr., W. M. Waters.
MOUNT SHARON—J. H. Jones, C. H. Jones.
CHILDERSBURG—W. Wilkes, Thos. Henderson, J. A. Butt, D. B. Oden.
WILSONVILLE—J. F. Pope.
PROVIDENCE—
HARPERSVILLE—R. M. Borum.
SPRING CREEK—R. A. Kidd, C. M. Elliott.
MACEDONIA—R. B. Burk.
COOSA VALLEY—J. C. Walker, J. M. Jones, J. D. F. Ward, J. H. Willingham.
CROPWELL—L. Law, Perry Turner.
SEDDON—J. D. Truss.
RIVERSIDE—J. J. Carson.
NEW HOPE—J. R. Holmes, A. J. Worthy.

The letters from the churches were read by S. W. Welch and J. B. Graham.

Officers elected by ballot:

W. WILKES, Moderator.
LEALIS LAW, Clerk.
J. A. POWE, Treasurer.

Official visitors:

W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec. State Board of Missions.
W. A. Whittle, Vice Pres. and Fin. Sec. Howard College.

Correspondents:

J. G. Lowery, Unity Association.
J. M. McCord, Birmingham Association.
W. B. Hill, N. Ingram, Carey Association.
Abner Williams, H. J. Lamar, S. C. Clopton, Calhoun Association.

Agreed to meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; reassemble at 2:15 P. M., adjourn at 5 P. M.; meet at 7:15 P. M., adjourn at pleasure.

By request of Clerk, G. A. Joiner was elected Assistant Clerk.

Programme of last session adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—Pastor and Deacons of Talladega church, and J. D. Truss, D. B. Oden and L. A. Daniel.
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—L. A. Daniel and J. D. Truss.

Adjourned to 7:15 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:15 P. M.

Association called to order.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. McCord. Text, Matt. 5:14-16, followed by missionary map lecture by Elder W. B. Crumpton. Collection taken for missions, \$14.07.

On motion of J. A. French, the delivery of the Missionary Sermon was set for 11 A. M., Thursday, and the Reports on Education, General and Ministerial, and their discussion set for Thursday, 7:15 P. M., to be discussed by C. S. Johnson and W. A. Whittle.

Adjourned with benediction by Moderator.

THURSDAY, Oct. 18, 9 A. M.

Association called together by the Moderator, who read the 103d Psalm. Prayer by C. S. Johnson.

Appointed committees:

To PRO RATE—John Jones, D. B. Oden, R. A. Kidd.

To NOMINATE TIME AND PLACE—L. Law, D. B. Oden, W. A. Hawkins.

Report on Temperance by F. G. Mullen:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The greatest evil of the age is intemperance. A large per cent. of murders is traceable to drunkenness; in fact, intemperance furnishes our chain gangs and penitentiary with the largest share of their prisoners. A man is not made a drunkard in a day, but it is by degrees. The moderate dram drinker of to-day will be the drunkard of to-morrow. "Touch not, taste not the unclean thing." It will be impossible in a short report to speak of the many evils arising from drunkenness. It has filled the world with beggars, widows and orphans; brought families of affluence and wealth down to abject poverty; it has dragged men of high social standing down on a level with the brute, robbing them of all sensibility to shame. It has done more than this, it deprives man of a hope of Heaven. It is the evil of evils, wrecking body, mind and soul. Is there no remedy for this great evil? Is there not an awful responsibility resting upon the preachers? Are they not watchmen on the walls of Zion? Will the blood not be required at their hands if they fail to discharge their duty? They should lead in this great reform. From every pulpit this horny-headed monster should be denounced. Our Savior has said, "Ye are the light of the world." With the preacher and people praying and working against this terrible evil it can but fall. Let the churches cleanse themselves, enforce their discipline, exclude every drunkard and every one who signs a peti-

tion to sell the stuff; then let every Christian do their duty, not only praying that God's will be done, but work to that end. No Christian has a right to vote for a drunkard simply because his party has nominated him. The liquor power has the country by the throat. Political parties are in its grasp, bowing at its shrine. Legislatures are under its control. It dictates candidates and elects them. While it is a great power, with its millions of money and men, the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and when it is faithfully preached and its subjects loyal to Christ every evil will give way. The cost of the liquor traffic is over one hundred dollars to every family. To think of it, the Nation wastes every year a sum equal to ten per cent. of the entire wealth. The drink bill is over one billion dollars a year, and it costs over three hundred million dollars to take care of the crime caused by it. While our Nation is paying its millions to people hell, the church of the living God is only paying her thousands to spread the glorious gospel of our blessed God.

Respectfully submitted,
F. G. MULLEN.

Discussed by J. W. Bishop and W. B. Crumpton, and adopted.

By request, W. B. Crumpton addressed the body, explaining the scope and work of the State Board of Missions. Elder Thos. Henderson then delivered the Missionary Sermon. Text: Matt., 5:14. Collection taken for missions, amounting to \$6.84.

Adjourned to 2:15 P. M.

THURSDAY, 2:15 P. M.

Association called to order. Prayer by C. H. Morgan.

Eureka church, recently organized, presented letter and petition for membership through her messenger J. H. Williams and was received.

Committee on Periodicals and Literature reported:

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

To successfully carry on any work and to push it along the lines of progress, those connected with it must be fully informed of its nature and scope.

There is no doubt less information among Christian people concerning their respective denominational enterprises and doctrines than upon any other subject. To be very plain about the matter, church people, as a rule, do not know why they belong to a particular church, nor what that church is, nor what it is trying or proposing to do.

There is more general information upon secular affairs than religious affairs. Why all this? Simply because church people do not buy religious books nor subscribe for religious papers. You can go into almost any home in this Association and find from one to three secular newspapers, some of them indiscriminately filled

with heresies on political economy, numberless crimes and the vilest social scandals, while but few, if any, religious papers and books are to be seen.

Our people would be more religious and less worldly if they would read more religious news and less secular.

We, therefore, recommend to our brethren the Alabama Baptist, our missionary journals, the Western Recorder, the Examiner and the general literature in the history of Baptists. We also recommend the Sunday-school literature of the Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board, located at Nashville.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. WELCH, Chairman.

Discussed by J. B. Graham, C. H. Morgan, Thos. Henderson, Abner Williams. Adopted.

Committee on Sunday-schools reported :

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

There is a decided improvement in our attendance since our last meeting and a wonderful working power developing itself in the hearts of all our Sunday-school members. God, in his love, has given the spirit to the ministerial force and they in some way have diffused it into the hearts of their people. They have felt a becoming sense of duty to enlist more earnestly in this glorious work. Pastors, realizing the importance of their work in the church, may, with an earnest and prayerful effort, develop the love and light of Christ in the most rural community.

The Sunday-school work has not only been working in molding characters in youth, preparing them for future usefulness; but cultivating a spirit of loving and giving to forward the love of Jesus Christ to others who have it not.

Some one has defined the Sunday-school to be the church at work; some other, that it is a nursery of the church. Both definitions contain some truth and some errors. A model church will of course have a model Sunday-school; but the Sunday-school being composed mostly of small children having no connection with the church, is not the church at work? As a nursery, it is a place where children are taught, trained and developed for future usefulness; and the children of all communities belonging to the membership of churches should be put into the Sunday-school, where they may be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. It must not be understood that children pass naturally from Sunday-school into the church, but in all cases the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit must exert its quickening influence upon the heart before any one is qualified for membership in the church of Jesus Christ.

The Sunday-school should have organization for work and some glorious end to accomplish. It is needless to say that there should be at the head of every Sunday-school a wide awake, earnest and faithful superintendent. There should be a corps of earnest, punctual and prayerful teachers, well qualified for every grade of teaching, who delight in preparing themselves to appear before their pupils, with the sun-beams of love radiating in their lives and teachings, to be taken up and reflected in the life of every pupil committed to their care. The earnest teacher yearns for the salvation of the soul of every member of his or her class and will diffuse

the love of God in the pupil's heart and furnish a magnificent field in which for the church to work.

Respectfully submitted,
E. HORN.

Discussed by J. M. Solley. Adopted.
Committee on State Missions reported :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Within the limits of the State of Alabama there are said to be, speaking in round numbers, one thousand missionary Baptist ministers. Most if not all of these are actively engaged in ministerial and evangelistic labors. This is indeed a strong religious force and represents about one hundred thousand missionary Baptists. With one thousand missionary Baptist preachers and one hundred thousand missionary Baptists in the State what further need have we of State missions. A judicious distribution of such a number of Baptist ministers would certainly reach great numbers of people. They do indeed exert an influence which is wide spread and deeply felt. But when we take into consideration the actual population of the State and the character of that population it will not require a mathematical calculation to convince us that the supply of Baptist ministers and missionaries is hardly equal to the demand.

Only a few years ago there was an immense influx of population into the State. The planting of new industries gathered a cosmopolitan people around the localities where such work was carried on. This seemed to call for the missionary effort in a direction which it had not taken before. The results of missionary labors in these centres of population are to be seen in the many Baptist churches which have been called into existence in those cities planted and built up under prosperous business conditions. But times have changed and many industries have ceased operations. Furnaces have gone out of blast, mills have shut down, mining operations have been discontinued, and thousands of laborers have been forced to leave the newly built town and city and seek a livelihood in other localities and pursuits. This fact is one to be recognized in any well directed missionary effort. Much of the population which thronged some of our cities has been in a manner dispersed or been absorbed by the country. Many have settled in communities where religious services are held at country churches and many have settled where there is destitution of gospel preaching. There are wide tracts of country where little or no gospel preaching reaches the ears of the people. Over such communities there has settled down the gloom of Zion's desolation. They have gone to waste for lack of religious cultivation. Of such places prophecy declares, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." To make the wilderness bloom there is need of earnest labor in preaching the word. To plant the rose where the wild thistle grew, to plant happier and better impulses in human nature than that wild and wicked growth which has made human life a waste and a wilderness is a labor of love to which God hath called the missionary.

There is need of constant culture, for human nature returns to waste when the hand of religious culture is withdrawn. The organization of all foreign missionary effort must begin within the State.

Successful missionary effort in heathen lands begins with earnest missionary at home. The measures taken by our State Missionary Board meets with our approval and demands our fostering attention and care. The State, home and foreign fields are all ripe unto the harvest. The necessity for State missions will exist while there is so much destitution over the State. As to methods it behooves us to give an earnest and decided support to such efforts as have developed and called into existence the board which is operating in the limits of the State until wiser and better methods can be devised.

J. A. BUTTS,
THOS. HENDERSON.

Committee on Home Missions reported :

HOME MISSION REPORT.

We beg to submit the following report on home missions :

How it must cheer the heart of every child of God to know that in spite of "hard times," political agitations and the perplexing questions of modern progress, the work of the Home Mission Board goes steadily forward; and reaching out as it does, there is a deep significance in every victory, whether achieved among foreign population, among the negroes, or among our own native white people, dwelling among the mountains or settling the frontiers. Oh! surely the good accomplished among the Indians and Cubans promises more glorious results, and mingled with the peans of triumph shall be heard the petitions of prayer—America organizing for the salvation of the world. To this end let us support the Home Mission Board—reading in the following statistics something more than mere facts :

It has had in its employ during the last convention year more than 300 laborers, who baptized 4,470, beside adding 4,039 by letter, making a grand total of 8,509 accessions to the churches. 429 Sunday-schools were established; 52,197 religious visits made; 633 new churches constituted; 67 houses built; 1,158 Bibles and Testaments distributed, and \$70,000 raised. One-seventh of the numerical strength of Southern Baptist, and one-seventh of the churches constituted are due to the untiring efforts of this board.

And we recommend the increased circulation of such literature as will best inform the people of the extent and pressing, yea urgent need of "Our Home Field." That "Thy kingdom come" be something more than lip words.

Loving is a star, giving but the sparkles. Then how pitiful must seem our shining to one of whom the Psalmist said: "For in Thee is the fountain of life, in Thy light shall we see light."

R. A. KIDD, Chairman.

Committee on Bible and Colportage reported :

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

As this is and has been an important work of the Baptists of Alabama, supplying every part with the word of God, it is possible that every home is supplied with the Bible or Testament, God's blessed word. As this work is in the hands of the State Missionary Board, and whereas the Alabama Baptist State Convention, at the suggestion of this board, intends to send forth six missionaries in

the State of Alabama to preach the gospel to the destitute and distribute the Bible and other religious books and tracts, we think, this work being done by six energetic men of God assisted by the 1,028 ordained ministers of the gospel as is reported in the minutes of the last Baptist State Convention, this work should be well done.

Brethren, let us invoke God's blessings upon His field and give our money to help in this glorious work of our Master's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SOLLEY.

Discussed by J. M. Solley, W. C. Verrell, J. A. Butts, J. H. Pope and J. N. Cooper.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Baptists have always been distinguished, from Apostolic days to the present, for their close adherence to the faith once delivered to the saints, and have owed much of their success in the propagation of that faith to their prompt unquestioning obedience to the mandates of the Master. A "thus saith the Lord" is to them sufficient authority, and needs no amendment nor interpretation in accordance with human wisdom or human expediency. Woe be the day should we ever depart from our allegiance to the word which hath been "given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;" hence, when our Lord says, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," we believe it, relying on the power of the Son of God to make effectual the labors of his servants in bringing about the fulfillment of God's promises "to the isles afar off that have not heard his fame, neither have seen his glory, and they shall declare his glory among the Gentiles," for "I will gather all nations and tongues, and they shall come and see my glory." Such teachings as these stirred the hearts and shaped the lives of Carey and Judson and their immortal co-workers and successors, till to-day we see the banner of the cross planted in every accessible land of this earth; not only among pagan nations, but also among avowedly Christian peoples who have by false interpretation and mistranslation and traditionalism perverted and to the extent of perversion made null and void the faith once delivered to the saints.

And our people are still more encouraged to extend this faith to the regions beyond, because we recognize the call of the Holy Spirit to be separated for the work whereunto he has called us, and believe, that in "enlarging the place of our tent, and stretching forth the curtains of our habitations, we should spare not, but lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes" by brain service, hand service, foot service, purse service, as well as lip service, if we would see the answer of our prayers. The Macedonian cry, "come over and help us," is ringing in our ears from all parts of the earth, and we must heed it, or be recreant to the trust committed to us to go into all the world and preach our Lord's gospel. Let our hearts go out in prayers and contributions of men and means in response not only to the cry of the heathen themselves but also to the constantly reiterated appeals of the missionaries already on the ground and profoundly conscious of its urgent need for more laborers to enter in

and occupy the fields already white unto the harvest. Thank God, for the success already attained; according to facts and figures presented in last report of Foreign Mission Board for the year ending April 30, 1894, and offered in report of Committee on Foreign Missions to the Alabama Baptist State Convention held at Marion, July 5, 1894:

"Our Papal Missions embrace Italy, Brazil and Mexico. Bro. Taylor's latest report of the work in Italy indicates considerable progress in one or another direction. Number of baptisms, 38; members, 372. While obstacles are great where Romanism has reigned for ages, and while our missionaries have many seasons of grief they also have times of rejoicing. Wide seed-sowing is being done in Italy and the time of harvest will surely come. Bro. Eager says: 'In looking back over the year, we feel that we have reason to thank God and take courage.'

"In spite of the war in Brazil, which greatly disturbed the work there, we have much for which we can praise God. Baptisms, 159; members, 519.

"In Mexico a comparatively large force of missionaries under the direction of Bro. W. D. Powell are earnestly at work. The year has been one of great blessing on this field. These statistics are full of interest and encouragement:

Number of churches	37
Number of out stations	14
Number of baptisms	277
Number of members	1163
Number of Sunday-schools	23
Number of scholars	375
Contributed to Foreign Missions	\$ 311 75
Contributed to Home Missions	519 50
Contributed to other purposes	1737 27

"Our Pagan Missions are located in Japan, Africa and China.

"In Japan, Brother McCollum (our McCollum), Mrs. McCollum and Bro. E. N. Walne and Mrs. Walne, with four native assistants, constitute our force in this great empire. The work was begun in 1889. One church and six stations. Baptisms, 9; members, 31. Bro. McCollum writes: 'The seeds sown have hardly had time to bear fruit, but there is much in the work to encourage us. I ask you to say to the brethren of the South that we do not plead for houses for ourselves, nor for school buildings, nor even for church buildings; but we do plead for men—men to help us preach the gospel to nine million heathen at our very doors.'

"In Africa we have 9 missionaries, 7 assistants, 5 churches, 166 members, 24 baptisms; contributions, \$123.50. Bro. Newton says: 'The Lord is greatly blessing our work. To His name be all honor and praise. Pray for us that we may be full of the Spirit and power to succeed in saving souls.'

"The China Missions are divided into three: Northern, Central and Southern. Bro. Pruitt, of Northern China, says: 'God has blessed us and we give thanks to His holy name.' One has said of Central China: 'We feel that God has not withheld His blessings from us.' Of Southern China it may be truly said: 'The Lord is with us—His cause is advancing.' In China Missions—churches, 13; baptisms, 222; membership, 1,068.

"Alabama Baptists contributed to Foreign Missions for the year ending April 30, 1894, \$7,847.68, a fraction over seven cents per

member. In addition to the above, it is pleasant to note that Women's Mission Societies contributed \$1,170.00."

These facts and figures impel us to thank God and take courage. Your committee would earnestly urge the necessity of our pastors preaching more frequently upon the subject of Foreign Missions; and that our people should take, read, and digest the Foreign Mission Journal published monthly by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Richmond, Va., at the low price of 35 cents per annum, or in clubs at 25 or 30 cents, according to size of club.

Respectfully submitted,

LEALIS LAW, Chairman.

The several reports on missions were then discussed by S. C. Clopton, C. S. Johnson, J. M. Solley and J. H. Pope, and were adopted.

Committee on Nominations reported :

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations report: To preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. S. Johnson; Rev. J. M. Solley, alternate. To preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. J. A. French; Rev. W. Wilkes, alternate. Place of meeting, Childersburg Baptist church. Time, Wednesday before the 3d Sunday in Sept., 1895, 11 A. M.

L. LAW,
D. B. ODEN,
W. A. HAWKINS.

Adopted.

Resolved, to change item 26 in programme so as to read, "Report on Denominational Education"; also to change item 46 so as to make it conform to the above change.

Committee on Evangelization of Colored People reported :

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Recent steps taken by the Northern and Southern Boards, looking to their co-operation in this matter, ought to give encouraging promise to the work of evangelizing the colored people of our country. The feeling against such union of action, hitherto prevailing, is giving place in a measure to a sentiment in its favor. All sides are beginning to learn that "circumstances alter cases," and that manifest facts are to be acted upon, sometimes, irrespective of assumed principles, supposed to lie at the foundation of a system, a doctrine, or a duty, as hindrances to a given enterprise. Jewish history and character wear one set of features when viewed in Egyptian bondage and another set of features as viewed in their freedom, and during their travels through the wilderness. African character and history also may vary somewhat similarly as viewed in American slavery on the one hand, and freedom on the other, with its attendant influences.

As God was the author of the bondage and freedom in both cases mentioned, so in each case there were divine purposes to be fulfilled in the plan of salvation. Unbelief seems to forget, some-

times, that the Almighty whirls the worlds around, like a wheel within a wheel, to effect the ends of eternal counsels. And at every turn of these providential wheels, we are to seize each opportunity presented of doing good to our fellow men. I believe—

1. That the Lord is working a revolution in the minds and feelings of the freedmen among us, suited to their changed condition and circumstances.

2. I believe a revolution is also going on among the white people of our country, suited to the change of things which affect both races in the land. All parties seem to be learning more and more how to discriminate between social and Christian relations, and how to work for men's souls, whatever their place in social life may be.

3. I believe the greatest work now before American Christians, especially Baptists, is the work of reaching the neglected millions of the colored and white races in this country with an earnest and intelligent presentation of the gospel by a living ministry and a well selected literature.

Your chairman having no means at hand for giving statistics, makes no attempt in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,
W. WILKES, Chairman.

Adopted.

Adjourned to 7:15 P. M. Prayer by Abner Williams.

THURSDAY, 7:15 P. M. Oct. 18.

Association came to order. Moderator read Psalm 48.
Prayer by L. Law.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported :

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Intellectual culture has ever been esteemed highly important in respect to the apprehension and explication of the word of God. The school of the prophets at Jericho, the great rabbis Hillel and Shammai to whom opposing schools among the later Jews resorted, and the great teachers among the Pharisees, such as Gamaliel, at whose feet sat Saul of Tarsus, all attest this. When Jesus would send forth the twelve apostles on their high and holy mission He instructed them for three years with his own hallowed love. When the early Christians would cause men to tremble and the hearts of men to turn to the Lord they sought out what to say and how to say it. In modern times, the men who have most mightily moved the world in the crises which have come upon the church have been educated. Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, Carey, Spurgeon—these were all educated men. Some of them were self-taught, but none the less educated. Their minds were disciplined, their faculties aroused and stimulated. Had they been less able to grapple with the great problems which confronted them, they had not been leaders and commanders in the mighty reformations in which they figured and with which their names are forever linked. More than ever the churches are calling for cultured ministers, and though we should utilize the advantages at hand to the utmost the number would never be too great. There is no virtue in ignorance, and a "holy tone" with nothing behind it to enlighten

and uplift the people will not avail. God said of old, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The progress of thought in all departments of human investigation demands the best possible preparation on the part of the rising ministry. Having the truth, we should know how to apply and enforce it to the noblest ends. Our young men contemplating the ministry should weigh these considerations and govern themselves accordingly. The doors of Howard College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are open to all who come properly endorsed and give promise of usefulness in the proclamation of the gospel.

The State Board of Missions (which is now charged with the superintendence of this work) had under its care during the session of 1893-94, 16 students at Howard College and 1 at Louisville Seminary, besides whom there were other Alabama students meeting their own expenses. For the session of 1894-95, 20 have been entered and others are expected at Howard College, and a few at the Seminary, most of whom are under the patronage of the Board. Your committee recommends that the Coosa River Association (which is represented among the beneficiaries) pledge \$150, the same sum as heretofore to this important branch of our work, and that this amount be apportioned among the churches.

J. A. FRENCH, Chairman.

Committee on General Education reported :

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

This body will be called upon to consider no question of more vital importance than general education.

Intelligence and Christianity must go hand in hand. Superstition, paganism and idolatrous formalisms are the natural outgrowth of ignorance. There must be an intellectual grasp of the economy of God and the plan of salvation before men can come into that spiritual union and communion which God designed shall exist and shall be enjoyed.

The intellectual assent and belief in Jesus Christ of itself cannot take the place of regeneration, but it is an essential element of regeneration. The enlightenment of the understanding opens the way for the aroused conscience to follow, for conscience is but a poor guide without knowledge and judgment.

It is as much the duty and work of Christian organizations to see to it that society is pure and elevated, that government is fair, just and honest as it is to convert the unbelieving, for the mission of Christianity is not merely to ultimately save the individual, but to make everything better and nobler here by establishing right relations among men. These things cannot be done except as men are enlightened, their better natures developed and that which is base and ignoble is driven out by that which is lofty and pure.

The greatest good that man can do society is first to make of himself an intelligent, industrious, honest, pure minded citizen, and then to use all of his powers to make others like himself.

There are many false ideas as to what an education is and how it is obtained. In its results it is not measured by so many school days and college years, nor by so many books studied and read; but by the extra breadth of mind and depth of reason. If you want to know whether your boy is being educated, ask not what books he has passed in the college curriculum, but look to see if his mental horizon is broadening, if the zenith of laudable ambition is ris-

ing higher, if his spiritual faculties are keeping pace with his mental growth.

Schools, though but a means to an end, must be built up and sustained. As a denomination, we hold school property in Alabama valued at \$650,000. These schools are designed for the higher education of boys and girls. The Judson Institute at Marion for the education of girls has not a superior in Alabama, and has established its reputation not by large enrollments of the fashionable, ambitions for recognition in so-called high society, but by merit, solid work and worth and a course of study and schedule of charges to meet the necessities and circumstances of the people. The Howard, now at East Lake, sustaining the old reputation made at Marion under some of the heroic pioneers of education in Alabama, is still open for boys. These institutions are necessary to a denomination of 105,000, and we show but little appreciation of the wonderful possibilities within our grasp as a denomination when we let these noble institutions suffer from lack of our support. It is useless to commend the great Theological Seminary at Louisville. It has its best advertisement in the noble ministers sent out, some of whom can be found as leaders among men in nearly every Association in Alabama. The work done by these institutions is a monument to the wisdom and necessity of Christian education. Let it be ours to continue this work begun by the fathers, that the Judson and the Howard may be the pride of the Baptists of Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Discussed by C. S. Johnson and W. A. Whittle, and adopted.

Pledges taken for Ministerial Education:

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

CHURCHES.		Forwarded	\$ 80 50
Salem	\$ 5 00	Tallasahatchie	1 00
Wilsonville	10 00	Harpersville	5 00
Refuge	3 00	Spring Creek	1 00
Blue Eye	2 00	Coosa Valley	3 00
Lincoln	5 00	Cropwell	5 00
Dry Valley (Pd.)	1 00	Seddon	2 50
Pleasant Grove	5 00	Riverside	1 00
Providence (Talla. Co.)	2 50	New Hope	1 00
Talladega	25 00		
Renfro	1 00	INDIVIDUAL.	
Alpine	5 00	Jas. H. Hayden	5 00
Mount Ida	1 00	O. P. Ford	2 00
Mount Zion	10 00	W. A. Glover	2 00
Fort Williams	5 00	Mrs. S. P. Burns	50
Forwarded	\$ 80 50	Total	\$109 50

Adjourned to 9 A. M., Friday.

FRIDAY, Oct. 19, 9 A. M.

Association called to order. Devotional services conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by J. A. Butts.

Committee on Woman's Work reported:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In the days of primitive Christianity women were liberal, devotional and sympathetic in respect to the work of Christ. In these latter days they have organized themselves into missionary and aid societies that they may the better keep pace with the progressive character of work now attempted. Hence it is we have a specific report on woman's work.

The first effort known to have been made to organize women for missionary work in the foreign lands was in 1834 in the city of London. Afterwards the influence of the movement extended to the United States and was felt in Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and other cities until now it pervades all denominations of Christians and all sections of our common country. That the hand of God was in the movement is evident from the increased interest in the God-given work of missions and the enlarged contributions to the furtherance of the gospel from this specific source. There has been a steady and most interesting growth in the number of missionary societies and in the methods of work; such as the establishment of mission rooms in the great cities; the publication and distribution of missionary papers, magazines, tracts and leaflets; the sending of boxes to the frontier missionaries, and the establishment of the annual missionary day among the children. There are now over twenty women's boards representing almost as many denominations, and hundreds of bands and societies in the churches of our land engaged in this great work.

When it is considered that woman's position in most heathen lands is one of deep degradation and that Christianity ennoble her sex, it would seem especially fitting that Christian women be profoundly interested in this work. Our own denomination has undertaken organized work in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention since 1888, when the total contribution was \$21,000. In 1889 it was \$30,000; in 1890, \$31,000; in 1891, 39,000; in 1892, 44,000; in 1893 (centennial year), \$62,000; in 1894, \$45,000—over a quarter of a million dollars, and a gradual increase from the beginning. We are glad to state that so far as our State is concerned the Central Committee (Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, president, and Mrs. I. C. Brown, East Lake, secretary) is continually seeking to enlist the women of our churches. Their efforts should be heartily seconded in all the churches. We especially call on the women in our country churches to organize and lend a helping hand in this important work. Mrs. J. A. French, of Talladega, is vice president for Coosa River Association and will be glad to give any information or help in this direction.

JNO. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Discussed by Jno. C. Williams, J. A. French, J. H. Pope, F. G. Mullen, C. H. Morgan, J. M. Solley, D. B. Oden, J. A. Butts, J. J. Carson, J. N. Cooper. Adopted.

Treasurer of Indigent Ministers' Fund reported:

REPORT OF TREASURER INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1893.				
Sept.	1.	To balance cash on hand	\$ 78	39
Oct.	26.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note	40	00
1894.				
Feb.	5.	To cash from Talladega Baptist church on parsonage	125	00
April	1.	To cash from Talladega Baptist church on parsonage	150	00
Sept.	29.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note	40	00
Oct.	8.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note	40	00
		To cash from F. G. Mullen, interest on note	20	00
	18.	To cash from James. Embry, interest on note	10	00—503 39

DISBURSEMENTS.

1893.				
Nov.	28.	By am't paid J. R. Steeley, donation	25	00
1894.				
Mch.	7.	By am't paid Mrs. N. McCain, donation	25	00
June	22.	By am't paid J. R. Steeley, donation	25	00
Sept.	29.	By am't paid Mrs. N. McCain, donation	25	00
Oct.	18.	By balance cash on hand	403	39—503 39

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES I. M. FUND THIS DATE.

Note of J. B. Mynatt and interest	\$ 169	00
Note of James Embry and interest	114	00
Note of Mrs. A. E. McAfee and interest	1000	00
Note of Talladega Baptist church and interest	1465	22
Note of Smith, Bell, Burns and others and interest	198	07
Note of E. M. Miller and interest	433	20
Note of F. G. Mullen and interest	311	30
Cash on hand	403	39

Total \$4094 18

J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

Oct. 18, 1894.

Adopted.

Executive Committee reported :

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. Joiner, Chairman of Executive Committee, in account with Coosa River Baptist Association.

1894.				
Oct.	15.	To cash on hand last report	\$32	22
Feb.	10.	To amount from J. A. Powe, Treasurer Jenkin's Fund,	43	68—\$75 90
	19.	By cash paid Rev. J. R. Steeley, missionary work	15	00
Oct.	15.	To cash on hand	\$60	90

Adopted.

Executive Committee continued as before; also Board of Trustees I. M. Fund.

Members of this body present at other Associations authorized to act as correspondents.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention elected: J. B. Graham, principal; Jno. C. Williams, alternate.

J. A. Powe, Treasurer, reported:

REPORT OF TREASURER COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

1893	
Sept. 15.	To amount from Finance Committee, paid by G. A. Joiner, . . . \$252 17
Oct. 9.	To amount from Renfroe church for missions, equally divided . . . 2 00
Nov. 1.	To amount from Refuge church, for missions, equally divided . . . 6 75
1894.	
Feb. 19.	To amount from W. A. Welch, interest on Jenkin's Fund . . . 43 68—\$304 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

1893.	
Oct. 9.	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for home missions . . . 63 02
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for state missions . . . 47 18
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for foreign missions . . . 60 88
	By am't paid G. W. Ellis for ministerial education . . . 17 50
	By am't paid J. B. Collier for Bible and colportage . . . 17 09
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for orphanage . . . 3 00
20.	By am't paid J. C. Williams for printing minutes . . . 45 00
	By am't paid G. A. Joiner for associational purposes . . . 50
Nov. 22.	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for Refuge church for miss. equally divided . . . 6 75
1894.	
Feb. 19.	By am't paid G. A. Joiner on Jenkin's Fund . . . 43 68—\$304 60

J. A. Powe, Treasurer.

Oct. 18, 1894.

Adopted.

The following Preamble and Resolutions on Minutes were adopted:

Whereas, The churches this year have failed to send up an amount of funds adequate to print the minutes of this session and

pay the Clerk a small compensation for his services; therefore, be it resolved,

First, That thirty dollars be appropriated from the funds now in the hands of the Executive Committee to make up this deficit.

Second, That the Clerk be authorized to have 750 copies of the minutes of this meeting printed.

Third, That twenty dollars be allowed the Clerk for his services and incidental expenses.

Fourth, That the Program of Business, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum be printed on the first page as usual.

G. A. JOINER.

Standing Committees appointed by the Moderator:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

STATE MISSIONS—D. B. Oden, Jas. Solley, H. G. Darby.

HOME MISSIONS—C. S. Johnson, A. A. Hutto, John W. McCain.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—S. W. Welch, R. A. Kidd, P. Turner.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—F. G. Mullen, J. C. Williams, Jas. Solley.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION—J. D. Davis, R. M. Borum, J. D. Truss.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—C. H. Morgan, W. B. Mattison, S. A. Austin.

TEMPERANCE—Lealis Law, Jno. W. Bishop, W. A. Hawkins.

COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK—Thos. Henderson, H. G. Darby, J. A. Butts.

PERIODICALS—J. A. French, C. M. Elliott, I. W. Rhodes.

WOMAN'S WORK—J. B. Graham, E. A. Aderholdt, William Waters.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE—J. H. Pope, J. A. Woodward, Jas. Sherrill.

ORPHANAGE—G. A. Joiner, W. R. Thompson, Eli Horn.

On motion of A. A. Hutto the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the messengers composing the 61st annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of Talladega for their unbounded and Christian hospitality during our stay among them; also to the officers of this body for their prompt, impartial and faithful services.

A. A. HUTTO.

Committee on Pro Rating reported:

REPORT OF PRO RATING COMMITTEE.

The State Board of Missions having asked us to raise the sum of thirteen hundred dollars for the various causes fostered by this Association, your Committee, after diligent inquiry as to the financial ability of the churches, ask that they give respectively the following amounts:

Talladega . . .	\$300 00	Forwarded . . .	\$675 00
Mount Zion . . .	40 00	Alpine . . .	45 00
Spring Creek . . .	20 00	Harpersville . . .	40 00
Salem . . .	15 00	Renfro . . .	15 00
Hepzibah . . .	20 00	Seddon . . .	10 00
Winterboro . . .	55 00	Childersburg . . .	20 00
Lincoln . . .	20 00	Providence (Tal. Co.) . . .	10 00
Antioch . . .	15 00	Dry Valley . . .	5 00
Munford . . .	20 00	Tallasahatchie . . .	15 00
Refuge . . .	15 00	Wilsonville . . .	40 00
Rocky Mount . . .	5 00	Pleasant Grove . . .	30 00
Ironaton . . .	10 00	Mount Sharon . . .	15 00
Coosa Valley . . .	25 00	Providence (Shelby) . . .	5 00
Blue Eye . . .	25 00	New Hope . . .	5 00
Fort Williams . . .	30 00	Oak Grove . . .	10 00
Macedonia . . .	20 00	Mount Ida . . .	5 00
Cropwell . . .	30 00	Sycamore . . .	10 00
Cartersville . . .	10 00	Riverside . . .	5 00
Forwarded . . .	\$675 00	Total . . .	\$970 00

J. H. JONES, Chairman.

Adopted.

Finance Committee reported :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1894.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Colportage.	Minutes.	Total.
Antioch.....	40					1 50	1 90
Alpine.....	2 50	2 50		1 28		1 50	7 78
Blue Eye.....				5 00		1 50	6 50
Cartersville.....	1 65	1 65	1 70			1 50	6 50
Childersburg.....	1 30	1 35		1 35		1 50	5 50
Cocosa Valley.....						1 50	1 50
Cropwell.....						1 60	1 60
Dry Valley.....	50	50				1 00	2 00
Fort Williams.....	2 75	2 60	2 65			1 00	9 00
Hepzibah.....	3 00	3 00	3 00			1 05	10 05
Harpersville.....	9 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		1 00	40 00
Ironaton.....		61				1 50	2 15
Lincoln.....		17 25				1 00	18 25
Mount Ida.....	1 00	1 00	1 70		1 00	1 00	5 70
Mount Zion.....	5 00			5 00		1 50	11 50
Mount Sharon.....						50	50
Macedonia.....	2 00	2 00	2 00			1 00	7 00
Munford.....	1 45	1 35				1 00	3 80
Providence (Tal.).....		9 00				1 00	10 00
Pleasant Grove.....		1 75	4 00			1 00	6 75
Provid'nce (Sh'by).....						1 00	1 00
Rocky Mount.....						50	50
Renfro.....						72	4 57
Refuge.....	1 00	2 00	85			85	4 25
Riverside.....	1 15	1 15	1 10				
Sycamore.....						2 00	11 65
Salem.....	4 70	4 95				1 00	9 00
Spring Creek.....	4 00	2 00	2 00			1 50	1 50
Seddon.....						4 00	4 00
Talladega.....			2 45	1 00		75	4 20
Tallasahatchie.....			1 00			1 50	4 50
Winterboro.....	1 00	1 00	3 45			1 25	11 61
Wilsonville.....	3 45	3 46	2 00			2 00	8 00
Oak Grove.....	2 00			2 00		75	3 75
New Hope.....	50	50	5 23		5 23		26 62
Public Collection.....	5 23	5 23		1 00		50	3 50
Eureka.....	1 00	1 00					
Totals.....	\$54 58	\$75 85	\$43 19	\$26 63	\$6 23	\$42 47	\$248 94
Oak Grove for Indigent Ministers' Fund.....							2 00
Public Collection for Orphanage.....							5 71
Grand total.....							\$256 65

L. A. DANIEL,
J. D. TRUSS,
Committee.

C. H. Morgan was recommended as Colporteur of the Association, under direction of the State Board of Missions.

Adjourned, sine die, with song and parting hand. Benediction by the Moderator.

LEALIS LAW, CLERK.

W. WILKES, MODERATOR.

The public worship was conducted as follows at the First Baptist church: Wednesday, 7:15 P. M., J. M. McCord; Thursday, 11 A. M., Thos. Henderson; Friday, 11 A. M., S. C. Clopton.

Statistics of the Coosa River Baptist Association for the year 1894.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.			Preaching Sab.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Rep'ts Revival.	
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.				
Antioch.....	Talladega.	J. C. Wright.	G. W. Manning.	McAiding.....	98					2	2		1	93				1			
Alpine.....	Talladega.	E. B. Teague.	W. R. Thompson.	Alpine.....	77	2	7	2		3				75		4	23	4			
Blue Eye.....	Talladega.	F. G. Mullen.	M. D. Beavers	Lincoln.....	126	2	10			29	3		3	100		6	30	3			
Cartersville.....	Talladega.	Thos. Henderson.	F. B. Lanier.	Kynulga.....	74	8	10	1		9	1			83		10	75	4	Yes	Yes	
Coosa Valley.....	St. Clair..	B. B. Nunnally.	J. C. Walker.	Easonville.....	145	17	5		2	14	4		1	150		8	51	1	Yes	Yes	
Cropwell.....	St. Clair..	B. F. Giles.	Lealis Law.	Cropwell.....	45	1	1			8				39		5	35	2			
Childersburg.....	Talladega.	Thos. Henderson.	F. Moss.	Childersburg.....	91	8	2		3	14	1			89		5	65	3		Yes	
Dry Valley.....	Talladega.	J. M. Solley.	G. W. Clements.	Lincoln.....	96		5		1	7	12			83		6	60	2	Yes		
Eureka (new).....	Talladega.	B. F. Brothers.	M. Ellison.	Eureka.....		5	8							27				4		Yes	
Fort Williams.....	Talladega.	Thos. Henderson.	L. A. Daniel.	Fayetteville.....	107	12	4			19			2	102		7	40	1	Yes	Yes	
Hepzibah.....	Talladega.	D. C. Robinet.	J. M. Burks.	Pine View.....	153	9	4		3	14	1		1	153				3	Yes	Yes	
Harpersville.....	Shelby.	B. F. Giles.	John Russell.	Harpersville.....	146	1	1		1	3	1			143		6	60	1-3	Yes	Yes	
Ironaton.....	Talladega.	Thos. Henderson.	G. A. Vise.	Ironaton.....	94	1	2			9			3	85		8	70	1	Yes		
Lincoln.....	Talladega.	G. D. Harris.	E. D. Acker.	Lincoln.....	78	3	3			11			1	72		7	76	4			
Mt. Ida.....	Talladega.	J. M. Solley.	J. A. Parker.	Berney.....	68		5		1	16	1			57		6	40	3			
Mt. Zion.....	Talladega.	C. S. Johnson.	H. G. Darby.	Sylacauga.....	122	12	10			6				138		10	72	2		Yes	
Mt. Sharon.....	Talladega.	R. A. Kidd.	H. J. Coleman.	Achates.....	74	2	6							82				1			
Macedonia.....	St. Clair..	R. A. Kidd.	J. J. Burks.	Vincent.....	67	1	1			16	3			48				3			
Munford.....	Talladega.	F. G. Mullen.	B. W. Mattison.	Silver Run.....	101	2	1	1	1	21	1		1	82				2	Yes	Yes	
New Hope.....	Talladega.	J. A. Butts.	A. J. Worthy.	Childersburg.....	30	17	8			21	3			51		8	47	1	Yes	Yes	
Oak Grove.....	Talladega.	E. M. Moore.	W. A. Vardeman.	Sylacauga.....	35	23	28	5						53				3			
Providence.....	Talladega.	J. H. Pope.	R. F. Brown.	Talladega.....	41					14	1			100				3		*	
Pleasant Grove.....	Talladega.	J. A. Scott.	B. E. Ogletree.	Croswell.....	99	8	8							76				3			
Providence.....	Shelby.	J. F. Parker.	T. L. Bates.	Bledsoe.....	76						1			62				4	Yes		
Rocky Mount.....	Talladega.	E. M. Moore.	W. B. Owings.	Renfro.....	60	2	2			13	1		1	20				1	Yes		
Renfro.....	Talladega.	F. G. Mullen.	H. F. Brown.	Lincoln.....	98	4	7		1	1	1		2	106				2	Yes	Yes	
Refuge.....	St. Clair..	W. F. McCain.	J. Hackney.	Riverside.....	38	17	5			9	1		1	49		7	72	2	Yes	Yes	
Riverside.....	Talladega.	B. F. Brothers.	J. J. Carson.	Sycamore.....	36									36				2		*	
Sycamore.....	Talladega.	E. M. Moore.	M. T. Morris.	Eastaboga.....	109	9	6			13		6	2	103		7	60	3	Yes	Yes	
Salem.....	Talladega.	A. A. Hutto.	T. W. Ogletree.	Vincent.....	81	6	5			7	1		1	76		4	35	3	Yes	Yes	
Spring Creek.....	Shelby.	R. A. Kidd.	W. H. Kidd.	Seddon.....	81	12	6			17	1		1	80		4		2	Yes	Yes	
Seddon.....	St. Clair..	J. S. E. Robinson.	T. J. Kilgore.	Talladega.....	300	24	19			11	5		7	320		17	175	300	Every	Yes	Yes
Talladega.....	Talladega.	J. A. French.	W. T. Billue.	Sycamore.....	60	3	11		1	4			1	70				2	Yes	Yes	
Tallasahatchie.....	Talladega.	F. G. Mullen.	J. C. McMillan.	Alpine.....	91	7	3			6		3		92		5	54	4	Yes	Yes	
Winterboro.....	Talladega.	J. G. Lowery.	I. W. Rhodes.	Wilsonville.....	52	6	8			3				63		6	40	2-4	Yes		
Wilsonville.....	Shelby.	J. M. McCord.	A. G. Welden.																		
					3075	222	193	7	14	300	44	9	33	3150	148	1223	300				

*No report.

Churches organized during year: Eureka.

N. B.—A comparison of first column (membership last reported) with column containing present membership in 1893 will show a discrepancy of 129. This cannot be accounted for, except on the supposition that the Clerks of the churches have been revising their church records, and have found it necessary to make erasures, so as to be able to report their exact membership. If so, they have done a good and necessary work; as no good general takes the field supposing he has 10,000 troops, with really only 5,000.—CLERK.

Financial Exhibit of the Coosa River Baptist Association for the year 1894.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Miss'ns.	Foreign Miss'ns	Ministerial Education.	Bible and Copyright.	Indigent and visiting Ministers.	Minutes.	Asso. Purposes.	WOMAN'S SOCIETY.			YOUNG PEOPLE.			Orphans' Home.	Sunday-school Expenses.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Buildings and Fur.	REMARKS.
									Home Miss.	For. Miss.	Min. Educa.	Home Miss.	For Miss.	Orp. Home							
Antioch.		\$ 40					\$ 1 50									\$ 1 90				\$ 1000	* \$5 from W. S. "Jenkins" Fund.
Alpine.		2 50	2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 11 75		\$5 00	*21 84								45 09	\$ 200	\$ 12 00	1500		
Blue Eye.	\$ 1 50				5 00		1 50									\$ 4 40	13 40	125	8 00	500	
Cartersville.	1 70	1 65	1 65				1 50									11 14	17 64			525	
Coosa Valley.		1 60	1 55				1 50					\$ 1 60	\$ 1 55			10 00	14 65	100	5 00	400	
Cropwell.	3 00		10 62	6 25			1 60									10 00	41 47	150	10 00	1000	
Childersburg.		1 30	1 35	6 35			1 50	1 00	1 00	5 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	11 50	3 10			3000	
Dry Valley.		50	50				1 00									1 10	3 50			500	
Eureka (new).		1 00	1 00	1 00			50									9 00				600	
Fort Williams.	2 65	2 75	2 60		1 00		1 00									10 05	100			500	
Hepzibah.	3 00	3 00	3 00				1 05									40 00				800	
Harpersville.	10 00	9 00	10 00	*10 00			1 00									10 05	100			800	* Of this amount \$5 individually by T. J. Martin.
Ironaton.			61				1 50									18 25	250	33 00	1500		
Lincoln.			17 25				1 00									2 11	100			800	
Mount Ida.	1 70	1 00	1 00		1 00		1 00									5 70		9 50	750		
Mount Zion.	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00			1 50									41 50			2500		
Mount Sharon.							50									50					
Munford.	60	1 45	1 35				1 00									4 40			1000		
Macedonia.	2 00	2 00	2 00				1 00									7 00					
New Hope.		50	50	2 00			75									3 75					
Oak Grove.	2 00	2 00					2 00									10 50					
Providence (Talla.).			9 00				1 00									2 50			16 50		
Pleasant Grove.	4 00		1 75				1 00									6 75	125			500	
Providence (Shelby).																				500	No report.
Rocky Mount.							1 00									1 00				300	
Renfro.	10 00						50									10 50				500	
Refuge.	85	1 00	2 00				72									4 57				500	
Riverside.	1 16	1 15	1 15				85									4 25				500	
Sycamore.																				500	No report.
Salem.		4 70	4 95	5 00			2 00									16 75				500	
Spring Creek.	2 00	4 00	2 00				1 00									9 00				500	
Seddon.							1 50									1 50	100			800	
Talladega.	77 05	74 23	74 24	*85 00			4 00					Y. P. U. \$141.00.		47 50	75 23	387 25	1000	\$219 35	14000	*\$10 to Howard College.	
Tallasahatchie.	5 66			\$1 00			75									6 41			1000	* Partly expended for Library. \$10 raised by Y. P. Union.	
Waterboro.	5 80	3 25	5 15				1 50									15 70	200			500	
Wilsonville.	19 74	6 22	11 80	17 13	3 11		1 25					For Missions \$3.			17 00					600	By J. M. Sherrill
Public Collection.	5 23	5 23	5 23		5 23										5 71	26 62					From Sunday-school.
	\$169 64	\$140 43	\$184 75	\$110 48	\$9 34	\$17 00	\$42 47	\$21 84	Total \$63.47.			Total \$150.15.		\$61 21	\$114 37	\$371 56	\$2800	\$313 35	\$39275		

The amounts under Woman's and Young People's Societies are included elsewhere under appropriate headings. The heading "Young People" embraces all juvenile societies, such as "Sunbeams," "Little Workers," "Young People's Union," etc.

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FINANCIAL DIRECTORY.

Funds for the several enterprises and departments of work fostered by the Coosa River Association should be sent as follows:

For Indigent Ministers' Fund to J. A. Powe, Talladega, Ala.
For Church Building to J. A. French, Talladega, Ala.
For Howard College to B. F. Giles, East Lake, Ala.
For Judson Institute to G. A. Joiner, Talladega, Ala.
For Ministerial Education to G. W. Ellis, Montgomery, Ala.
For Alabama Baptist to John G. Harris, Montgomery, Ala.
For Bible and Colportage Work to J. B. Collier, Opelika, Ala.
For State, Home and Foreign Missions, and other purposes not named above, to W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala.
For Orphans' Home to Jno. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala.